

BIOGRAPHY

Air National Guard

COLONEL JOHN T. ADKISSON



Colonel John T. Adkisson is the Operations Group Commander of the 173d Fighter Wing, Kingsley Field, Klamath Falls, Oregon. As Commander, he is responsible for training F-15 students from flying units throughout the United States, for the execution of wartime and contingency plans, and for the operation of Kingsley Field.

He spent 8 and a half years in the United States Air Force before joining the Oregon Air National Guard in 1989. His active duty assignments -- all as a pilot in the F-16 Viper-- included Nellis AFB NV, and Hill AFB, UT. He graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1981 and Fighter Weapon School at Nellis AFB, Nevada in 1986.

As the 114th Fighter Squadron Commander, Colonel Adkisson played a key role in the unit's conversion from the F-16 to the F-15 as one of the top leaders in Flying Operations, he expertly managed

the student training mission for 2 years at Kingsley Field, ensuring the successful graduation of a total of 38 aircrew students. He also safely and efficiently directed a flying program with an annual average of 4,300 flying hours and 3,600 sorties (flight missions).

EDUCATION:

1981 Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, Air Force Academy
1986 Fighter Weapon School, Nellis AFB, Nevada
1988 Squadron Officer School, Correspondence
1995 Air Command and Staff College (Seminar), Kingsley Field, Oregon
2000 Air War College, Correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. June 1977- May 1981	Air Force Academy
2. June 1981- June 1982	Undergraduate Pilot Training Williams AFB, AZ
3. August 1982 - March 1983	F-16 Student Pilot , 16 TFTS Hill AFB, UT
4. March 1983 - May 1986	F-16 Pilot, 16 TFS Hill AFB, UT
5. January 1986 – April 1986	F-16 Fight Weapons School Instructor Course Nellis AFB, NV
6. May 1986 – December 1987	F-16 Weapons Officer, 428 TFS Nellis AFB, Nevada
7. January 1988 – November 1989	F-16 Instructor Pilot, 57 FW, F-16 Division Nellis AFB, Nevada
8. November 1989 – July 1994	F-16 Instructor Pilot, 114 TFTS Kingsley Field, Oregon

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| 9. July 1995 – July 1997 | 173FW AGS Commander/F-16 Instructor Pilot
Kingsley Field, Oregon |
| 10. July 1997 – December 1998 | 114 FS Commander
Kingsley Field, Oregon |
| 11. January 1998 – May 1998 | F-15 Conversion Training
Tyndall AFB, Florida |
| 12. December 1998 – June 2001 | 173d Operations Group Commander
Kingsley Field, Oregon |
| 13. June 2001 – Present | 173 FW Commander
Kingsley Field, Oregon |

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot
 Flight hours 3860 hours
 Aircraft Flown T-37, T-38, F-16, F-15

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal
 Air Force Commendation Medal
 Air Force Achievement Medal
 Combat Ready Medal
 Air Force Longevity Award (4 Devices)
 National Defense Service Medal
 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (1 Device)
 Air Force Training Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	June 1981
First Lieutenant	June 1983
Captain	June 1985
Major	May 1992
Lieutenant Colonel	April 1997
Colonel	March 2001

(Current as of June 2001)